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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JANUARY 14

1. U.S. COVERAGE IS RATHER HEAVY IN VOLUME CONCENTRATING

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ON CAMPAIGN OF MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX TO COUNTER NEW

ADMINISTRATION'S INTENTION TO CUT MILITARY SPENDING:

--SEVERAL ARTICLES IN CENTRAL PRESS PLAY

VARIATIONS OF ABOVE THEME. PRAVDA "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN"

BY G. RATIANI EXPANDS ON ARTICLE IN U.S. NEWS AND

WORLD REPORT ON FLOOD OF DOCUMENTS FROM PENTAGON TO

CARTER AND HIS ADVISORS IN ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE THEM OF

SOVIET MILITARY THREAT AND NEED FOR NEW U.S. WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT. IZVESTIYA CONTAINS LONG ARTICLE BY V. MATVEYEV WHICH CRITICIZES CAMPAIGN OF MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX INCLUDING RICHARD PIPES AND SECDEF RUMSFELD. MATVEYEV GOES ON HOWEVER TO CITE APPROVINGLY "SKEPTICISM" OF HAROLD BROWN ON ALLEGED SOVIET FIRST STRIKE INTENTIONS. MATVEYEV ALSO APPLAUDS RECENT VANCE STATEMENT ON "GENERAL PARITY" OF MILITARY POTENTIAL OF S.U. AND U.S. STATEMENTS BY CONGRESSMEN PROXIMIRE AND ASPIN AND UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION ARE ALSO BROUGHT IN AS EXAMPLES OF GROWTH OF MOOD AMONG AMERICAN PEOPLE IN FAVOR OF REDUCTION OF INFLATED PENTAGON BUDGET. KZ HAS ARTICLE BY YU. KORNILOV ON "MYTH OF SOVIET THREAT" PROPOGATED BY, AMONG OTHERS, COMMITTEE ON PRESENT DANGER. KORNILOV POINTS OUT THIS RUNS COUNTER TO "OFFICIAL LINE" IN WASHINGTON AND TO CARTER CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS ON NECESSITY OF RESTRAINING PENTAGON "APPETITE". KORNILOV CONCLUDES BY QUOTING "WESTERN MILITARY ATTACHE" IN MOSCOW WHO SAYS HE HAS SPENT HALF YEAR IN VAIN TRYING TO FIND FACTS TO FIT ALLEGATIONS OF GROWING SOVIET MILITARY THREAT. REFLECTING OTHER SIDE OF COIN, PRAVDA HAS TASS N.Y. ARTICLE ON STATEMENT BY OMMITTEE ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS (GALBRAITH, KENNAN, ET AL) WHICH REPORTEDLY PRAISED POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS AND DECRIED EFFORTS OF SOME TO TURN BACK TO POLICIES REMINISCENT OF COLD WAR. FINALLY, PRAVDA HAS CARTOON SHOWING POLITICIAN BEING FRIGHTENED BACK TO HIS APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE BY MILITARY FIGURE WEARING NATO HAT INSIDE BEAR COSTUME LABELED SOVIET "THREAT." LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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--PRESIDENT'S STATE OF NATION ADDRESS IS BURIED ON PAGE FIVE OF PRAVDA. SHORT TASS WASHINGTON ACCOUNT LISTS ONLY NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF PRESIDENT'S SPEECH ON UNEMPLOYMENT, ENERGY, CRIME, ETC. KZ HAS EVEN SHORTER ARTICLE ON SUBJECT.

--IZVESTIYA HAS NOTE ON LARGE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL WEAPONS CONFISCATED BY U.S. CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES IN 1975.

--PRAVDA HAS ARTICLE BY N.Y. SPEICAL CORRESPONDENT YE. RUSAKOV ON MURKY AFTERMATH OF AFFAIR INVOLVING DANIEL SHORR ANDSECRET DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED IN VILLAGE VOICE. RUSAKOV BROADLY HINTS AT CIA INFLUENCE OVER N.Y. MEDIA.

2. OTHER COVERAGE:

--ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA, PRAVDA CONTINUES SUPPORT OF CHARTER 77 CRACKDOWN (THOUGH STILL WITHOUT DIRECT COMMENT) IN TASS PIECE REPLAYING SELECTION FROM WAVE OF INDIGNATIONS LAPPING IN FROM VARIOUS "COLLECTIVITIES."

--ITALIAN FINMIN MEETING WITH BREZHNEV MENTIONED ON FRONT PAGE OF IZVESTIAYA WITH ACCOMPANYING PHOTO (SEPTEL).

--CONTINUING BUILDUP OF WORLD FORUM OF PEACE
MEETING THAT OPENS JAN 14KZVESTIYA CARRIED TWO-PART
ARTICLE, FIRST PART BEING AUTHORED BY ASSISTANT TO
UNSYG, SEAN MCBRIDE OF IRELAND.

--LONG ARTICLE IN PRAVDA BY S. KZYUBANOV ON
SITUATION IN WEST BERLIN BREAKS NO NEW GROUND, BUT ALSO
DOES NOT MENTION EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ISSUE.

--PRAVDA HAS TASS DAMASCUS NOTE ON CONCLUSION
OF PLO CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

--PRAVDA AND KZ CITE FRENCH PRESS ON 5 BILLION
FRANCS ARMS DEAL BETWEEN FRANCE AND EGYPT.

--PRAVDA AND KZ HAVE TASS BEIRUT ARTICLE ON
SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF TRANSFER OF HEAVY WEAPONS FROM
CONFLICTING SIDES IN LEBANON TO ARAB SECURITY FORCE.

--IZVESTIYA AND KZ NOTE DOWNING BY ZIMBABWE
"PATRIOTS" OF SECOND RHODESIAN PLANE IN RECENT DAYS.
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--KZ HAS TASS LAGOS ARTICLE CITING WEST
AFRICAN PATRIOT ON SUPPORT BY U.S. IMPERIALISM AND
RACIST REGIMES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA FOR BANDITS FROM
FNLA, UNITA, ANF LEC.

--IZVESTIYA "INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY" BY
V. LAPSKIY LISTS ADVANTAGES TO CUBA OF COMECON MEMBERSHIP.

--PRAVDA AND KZ HAVE TASS HAVANA ARTICLE
REPORTING CONCERN BY URUGUAYAN CP FIRST SECRETARY
ARISIMENDI THAT LIFE OF IMPRISONED URUGUAYAN "PATRIOT",
JAIME PEREZ, MAY BE IN DANGER.

--PRAVDA HAS ARTICLE BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
I. SHCHEDROV IN BANGKOK ON CONCLUSION OF VISIT OF
ADMIRAL WEISNER, CINCPAC, TO THAILAND. LOCAL OBSERVERS
"SUPPOSE", SAYS SHCHEDROV, THAT "DIFFICULT" SECRET
NEGOTIATIONS AT FORMER U.S. BASE, KORAT, CONCERNED
POSSIBILITY OF RENEWAL OF SOME KIND OF AMERICAN MILITARY
PRESENCE AND ACTIVIZATION OF POLITICAL ALLIANCE. FINAL
DECISION, SAYS AUTHOR, MUST WAIT CARTER'S ACCESSION TO
OFFICE. SHCHEDROV CITES BANGKOK POST ON U.S. CARETAKER
ROLE IN MAINTAINING MILITARY SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT
STORED IN THAILAND.

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